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Reply To
Attn Of: ECL-113

Jack Gunderman
Coeur d'Alene Tribe of Idaho
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Re: Scoping Document for Long-Term Mine Water Management Efforts at the Bunker Hill Mine

Dear Jack:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about an effort that the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have undertaken at the Bunker Hill Superfund site. DEQ and EPA have initiated an investigation to determine how best to manage acid mine drainage from the Bunker Hill mine in the long term. This investigation will primarily focus on evaluating upgrades/improvements to the central treatment plant, acid mine drainage mitigation measures, and sludge management options. Enclosed please find a copy of a scoping memorandum, dated July 7, 1998, prepared by CH2M Hill for this effort. The scoping memorandum will give you an idea of where we are going and what we intend to evaluate. We hope to work closely with Mr. Robert Hopper, the mine owner, in this endeavor. Please call Mike Thomas of the DEQ at (208) 373-0318 or myself at (206) 553-2712 should you have any comments or questions about the enclosed information or the study effort in general.

Sincerely,

Mary Kay Voytilla
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cc: Mike Thomas, DEQ

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